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MINISTER'S STATEMENT

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1. FOLLOWING IS REVISED PRESS GUIDANCE FOR USE IN CONNEC-
TION WITH SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENSE MINISTER P.W. BOTHA'S
STATEMENT ON U.S. ARMS DELIVERIES TO ANGOLA IN 1975/76.

POSTS MAY DRAW ON GUIDANCE IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS.

2. QUOTE Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE STATEMENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENSE MINISTER, PIETER BOTHA REGARDING U.S. COLLUSION IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN INCURSION INTO ANGOLA DURING THE 1975/76 ANGOLA CIVIL WAR?

A: THESE ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED BEFORE. THE DECISION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO INTERVENE IN ANGOLA WAS MADE UNILATERALLY BY THAT GOVERNMENT IN ITS OWN INTEREST. THE U.S. DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THAT DECISION. THE U.S. PROVIDED NO ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES IN ANGOLA OR ELSEWHERE. NO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT DELIVERED ARMS TO ANY RECIPIENTS IN ANGOLA.

Q: DID THE U.S. SUPPORT UNITA OR FNLA AND SUPPLY ARMS TO UNITA/FNLA FORCES?

A: THIS MATTER WAS DISCUSSED IN DETAIL WITH CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AT THE TIME. I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER TO SAY ABOUT IT. UNQUOTE.

3. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT. CHRISTOPHER

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